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4WD

RED AND WHITE MOUNTAIN ROAD - FSR 734

Length: 14.4 miles (one way)

Difficulty: Moderate to More Difficult

Beginning Elevation: 9,595 ft.

Elevation Gain: +2473 ft.- 1591 ft. = +882 ft.

Trail Use: Moderate

Open To: 4WD, Mtn Biking, Hiking,

Ending Elevation: 10,477 ft.

USGS Map(s): Vail West, Edwards

Access from Vail: From I-70, take Exit 176 for Vail. Turn to the north and proceed on North Frontage Road west to Red Sandstone Road #700. Continue up FSR 700 for about 7 miles to a sign for Red and White Mtn Road #734. Turn left onto Red and White Mountain Road - FSR 734. Reset odometer here.

Trail Highlights: This 4-wheel drive road is moderate with some more difficult sections requiring 4wd low gear, but it can be much more difficult if conditions are wet. Like many roads in the area, it gets very slick when muddy. It follows the Red and White ridgetop offering numerous scenic views from large meadows. Be sure to bring a good map and stay on Forest Service Roads, which are marked with vertical signs. There are many trails in the area which are not open to vehicles. Make sure to reset your odometer at the turn off of Red Sandstone Road. Views of Mt. Powell open up at 1.6 miles. The Buffehr Creek Trail is on the left at approximately 2.0 miles. Here there are great views of Vail Ski Area and Mt. of the Holy Cross. The first steep climb is at 3.3 miles. Stay right at 4.1 miles and again at 4.3 miles where the Davos Singletrack Trail is on the left and the road takes a long right turn. Go under power lines at 4.6 miles and watch for a fork at 5.9 miles. At this fork, the Red and White Mountain Trail is to the right, which now looks more like a road than a trail. Make sure to stay left, even though others have illegally gone right to widen that trail. The Buck Creek Trail is on the left at about 6.4 miles. The Metcalf Creek Road - FSR 779 is on the left at about 8.9 miles. Open views of Beaver Creek Ski Area are found at mile 9.6 just before two more forks at 9.7 and 9.8 miles. Stay right at both. June Creek Road - FSR 717 is on the left at about 11.6 miles. Pass trail #1881 at 12.2 miles and FSR 433 at 12.9 miles. Moniger Road - FSR 701 is reached at about 14.4 miles. From here, take a right to complete a loop back to Red Sandstone Road or take a left and drive 9 miles to Highway 131 just north of Wolcott and I-70.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: With the number of OHV operators rapidly growing every year, the repeated and often unintentional misuse by OHVs can quickly create environmental damage. By using common sense and taking a few precautions, OHV operators can assure that the backcountry they frequent will remain available and in good condition for future use.

- * **Always stay on designated roads and trails;** off-trail riding is not permitted on the White River National Forest.
- * Ride in the middle of the trail to avoid widening it.
- * Avoid side slipping, which can start a rut, leading to erosion.
- * Cross streams at fording points only.
- * Sanitation - Bury human waste 100 feet from water and 6 inches in the soil.
- * Wilderness areas are managed to maintain their primitive character and to provide opportunities for solitude. These designated areas are solely for non-mechanized travel—access is restricted to foot and horseback only. Sorry, no OHVs or bicycles.
- * For tips on OHV techniques and responsible recreation, visit www.treadlightly.org.

PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT! TREAD LIGHTLY!!

This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest strongly suggests purchasing a topographic map and compass prior to your trip.

